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engaging a catch on a reagent container stopper with the plunger;  
moving the reagent container stopper with the catch relative to the plunger  
to at least partially open the stopper to enable liquid transfer via a pipette; and  
closing the reagent container stopper.

13. The method of claim 12, wherein the moving includes translating motion  
of a pipetting needle assembly to move the plunger.--

**REMARKS**

The specification has been amended to place it in proper U.S. format, and to  
correct grammatical and idiomatic errors. Claims 1-6 have been canceled and rewritten  
as new claims 7-13 to provide claims in proper U.S. format.

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